Javier Gutierrez is currently the Manager for the Carson-Gardena Animal Care Center where he began his career as an Animal Shelter Aide in 1998. During his tenure, Javier has served at a variety of locations and in a variety of roles for the department. Prior to becoming the Care Center Manager in 2015, Javier oversaw the operations of both North and South County Communications. In 2006 Javier was trained to become part of the Departmental Animal Response Team (DART) that works in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team.

Javier holds an Associate's Degree in History from Cerritos College and is a member of the Los Angeles County Management Council. He likes to stay active in the community by volunteering his time as a youth football and cheer coach. He enjoys working with the kids and seeing them develop and grow in their academics, becoming future leaders in their communities and as athletes. His family enjoys the company of a Pomeranian/Chihuahua mix that he adopted from the care center in 2007.